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FISH-FREEZING BELOW FREEZER LEVEL;  
NEW-TYPE FREEZER PROPOSED

While advances in fish-processing technique since the revolution have been considerable, it has become evident that fish freezing is not yet fully appreciated by the industry. Consumers justly complain of low-quality frozen fish from many plants, and investigation has shown that neglect of technical and sanitary conditions is behind such poor production. Refrigeration equipment is sometimes used in an irregular manner. The Vostokrybholod (Far East Fish-Freezing Trust), for instance, allows plain salted fish to be shipped in its refrigerator ships along with the frozen product.

The trouble is not only in shortcomings of an organizational nature: previous discussion in this journal has revealed that Soviet scientific research institutes' clearly lag behind the requirements of the freezing industry.

Reconstruction of prewar freezing facilities has proceeded slowly, and must be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible so that major expansion can get underway.

The problem of establishing an unbroken refrigeration chain from fishery to store must be met. The machine-building industry is now in a position to satisfy fully the demands of such a system.

Characteristics of a proposed freezer as compared with a conventional rack-type freezer are shown in the following table. The units given are based on one ton of freezer capacity.

<u>Index</u>	<u>Conventional Dry Freezer (-23°)</u>	<u>New Tunnel-Type (-27°)</u>
Area (sq m)	6.7	1.25
Volume (cu m)	23.5	4.5
Metal used on construction (tons)	1.4	1.12

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